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TENDING TO FOAM

REPLY BRIEF

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SIR:

The following Reply Brief is in reply to the Examiner's Answer dated December 26, 2008 (Answer).

The statement of the Grounds of the Rejection (Answer at 3-4) is essentially identical to the statement in the Final Rejection. The difference is that the term "alkoxylated fatty alcohols of 12-26 carbon atoms" no longer appears in the claims, in view of the amendment filed November 19, 2008, which amendment has been entered, in accordance with the Advisory Action dated December 4, 2008. Applicants also note that the amendment moots the rejection stated under Ground (B) in the Appeal Brief, as acknowledged in the Answer (Answer at 2). The rejection still pending from the Final Rejection has already been responded to in the Appeal Brief. The following is in reply to the "Response to Argument" (Answer at 4-7).